

Wednesday, April 17, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Terrorism Prevention Act Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3417–S3501

Measures Introduced: Three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1679–1681, S. Res. 246 and 247, and S. Con. Res. 52. **Page S3487**

Measures Passed:

Tribute to Secretary Brown and Others: Senate agreed to S. Res. 241, in tribute to Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown and other Americans who lost their lives on April 3, 1996, while in service to their country on a mission to Bosnia.

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Whitewater Investigation Extension: Senate agreed to S. Res. 246, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development corporation and Related Matters.

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Terrorism Prevention Act—Conference Report: By 91 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 71), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 735, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and provide for an effective death penalty.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 63), Senate tabled a motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to make certain modifications to asylum provisions.

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By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 64), Senate tabled a motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to increase the statute of limitations for Firearms Act offenses from 3 years to 5 years.

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By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 65), Senate tabled a motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to include a provision to allow for multi-point wiretaps which would allow law enforce-

ment to get a wiretap when a subject uses many different phones and thereby thwarts surveillance.

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By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 66), Senate tabled a motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to strike the provision relating to habeas corpus.

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By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 67), Senate tabled a motion to recommit the conference report with instructions that provisions be included to prohibit the distribution of information on how to make explosives for criminal use.

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By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 68), Senate tabled a motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to include provisions giving law enforcement the authority to get an emergency wiretap in cases involving terrorist conspiracies.

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By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 69), Senate tabled a motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to add a provision allowing for emergency wiretaps in cases involving terrorist conspiracies.

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By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 70), Senate tabled a motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to eliminate the provision providing for a study on Federal law enforcement.

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Whitewater Investigation Extension—Cloture Votes Vitiating: By unanimous-consent, the votes scheduled on the motions to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, were vitiated.

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Health Insurance Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1028, to provide increased access to health care benefits, to provide increased

portability of health care benefits, to provide increased security of health care benefits, and to increase the purchasing power of individuals and small employers, on Thursday, April 18, 1996. **Page S3499**

Appointments:

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 70-770, appointed Senator Breaux to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, vice Senator Pryor. **Page S3478**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the National Endowment for the Humanities for calendar year 1995; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM-138). **Page S3485**

Transmitting the report on Alaska's Mineral Resources for calendar year 1995; referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (PM-139). **Page S3485**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. Hechinger, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total-71)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 7:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 18, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3499.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, receiving testimony from Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Chief of Air Force Staff.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 24.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Harold Monteau, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 24.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, Stanley E. Morris, Director, Office of Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Charles F. Rinkevich, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, George J. Weise, Commissioner, and Michael H. Lane, Deputy Commissioner, both of the United States Customs Service, and Eljay B. Bowron, Director, United States Secret Service, all of the Department of the Treasury.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 8.

DEFENSE PRIVATIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held hearings to examine the privatization of Department of Defense depot maintenance and other commercial activities, receiving testimony from John P. White, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Gen. Henry Viccellio, USAF, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command; and David Warren, Director, and Julia Denman, Assistant Director, both of Defense Management Issues, and John Brosnan, Assistant General Counsel, all of the General Accounting Office.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.